

# LEARNER SHEET: CREATION

Genesis 1–2



## PRAYER TIME

Remember your partner's prayer needs—record them here.

## DISCUSSION TIME

- A new bumper sticker states, “Humans aren’t the only species on earth—they just act like it.” Make up your own bumper sticker that makes a unique statement about the state of God’s creation.
- *The Lutheran Handbook* states, “Creation has a purpose.” What is it? Pick a photo of an outdoor scene and write for five minutes about that picture. What does this glimpse of the creation tell you about God’s purpose?
- The Bible tells us that as part of creation God separated light from darkness, the heavens from the earth, and the seas from the dry land. How does pulling things apart work to make a whole picture?
- How do modern films, such as *Star Wars*, reflect the cosmic battle between good and evil? What difference does it make across the globe today that God created goodness and order out of chaos? Could this happen in your room?



**THE BIG  
IDEA**

**Our God existed from the beginning, and created all things.**



**BIG FUN IDEA**

Visit an artist's studio. Contact a pottery or painting studio to arrange a working visit. If you know of an artist in your congregation or another congregation, invite the person to teach a creative art activity. You could also visit an art gallery or museum.



**BIG SERVING  
IDEA**

We're part of the creation, so let's go serve in it! Start at your church. What needs cleaning up? How can you help with recycling? Could you take care of an existing garden or start one? What are other churches doing for the environment? Call your community church council and find out.

# LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: CREATION

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## KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

**CREATE**

**CHAOS**

**ORDER**

*Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!*

## PRAYER TIME

For prayer, invite a family member to read Psalm 148. You can read the entire psalm from the Bible or use this excerpt (NRSV).

**Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!  
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Let  
them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they  
were created. Young men and women alike, old and young together!  
Let them praise the name of the Lord. Amen**

## TALK TIME

- Have we gotten serious about taking care of creation in our home? Do we recycle? Compost? Have we ever talked about caring for the environment as a biblical directive, as well as a modern phenomenon?
- Teaching creationism is a hot topic today. How do we respond as Lutherans to people who believe the Bible is just a textbook?
- The creation story is about “in the beginning.” How do beginnings relate to endings? Has your family recently grieved a loss? Talk about the beginnings of the things that you see ending.
- “It was good” meant that the creation was in relationship to God. What is our family doing to foster our connection to God? Try to point out small and large environmental beauty to one another. Bring in those flowers; point out that rainbow; collect and press those leaves.



God's first Plan  
for earth

## WEB TIME

Search for the key words. Write down the Web address for the most interesting site for each. Do a search for “Creator God.” Explore several sites that mention the term. Discuss the opinions and perspectives you find. What are they trying to say?

## RITUAL TIME

Dare to “take it outside” for this family ritual. Step outside your home and get your feet on the earth. Take turns offering prayer petitions that highlight each person’s favorite parts of God’s creation. Afterward, go for a walk.